Training at pune film institute

†3195. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the disciplines in which training is imparted at the Pune based Film Institute;

(b) the number of male and female students separately being imparted training in the Institute and the number of staff members employed therein;

(c) the number of students provided with boarding facilities;

(d) the annual expenditure incurred by Government on the Institute during the last three years; and

(e) whether the training for action is proposed to be reintroduced in the Institute; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune imparts three year training in Direction, Cinematography, Editing and Audiography besides running short-term courses and providing in-service training for Doordarshan personnel.

(b) and (c) All the students are provided with boarding facilities during the course of the training. At present there are 94 students in the four regular courses named above besides 46 participants (43 male and 3 female) in the ongoing 49th Course of Television Production and Technical Operation. The number of male and female students and the number of staff members in the Institute are as under :

Male Students	:	118
Female Students	:	22
Faculty Members	:	27
Technical Staff	:	64
Administrative Staff	:	156

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The annual expenditure incurred by the Government on the Institute as grants-in-aid under Plan and Non-Plan during the last three years is as under :

		Grant-in-Aid (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-2001	—	729.52
2001-2002	—	644.13
2002-2003	—	481.67

(e) The Governing Council of the Institute in its 99th meeting has decided in principle, to reintroduce the Acting Course. The Course is expected to be of 2 years' duration with an annual intake of 20 students.

Obscenity in commercial advertisements

3196. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that presently there is very much obscenity in commercial advertisements through television, newspapers and posters, etc.;

(b) whether there are any set norms in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and what are the punishments for violation; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to protect the society from this type of obscenity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) to (d) Complaints/suggestions are received from time to time expressing concerns about the advertisements telecast on TV channels.

Doordarshan and All India Radio adhere to their Code for Commercial Advertising, which addresses these concerns. Advertisements on all satellite channels, transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable TV Network in the country are required to be adhere to the provisions of the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Advertising Code *inter alia* prohibits carriage of such advertisements in cable service, which offend morality or decency, project a derogatory image of woman, have indecent or vulgar themes.